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Telephone 161 Up-stairs in the Parker Building Proved His Theory, but Died.

The acme of realism was reached, though by accident, in a criminal trial Fish received daily. Free de-livery over the city. Wholesale One of them after value trying to turned to flee. A moment later he fell, shot in the small of the back. One chamber of his pistol was found to have been fired. His assailant was tried for murder. The defense contended that the man had shot himself while trying to draw his pistol, which had become entangled in the lining of the pocket, and that the prisoner's shot had not taken effect. The prosecution contended that such a wound could not have been self inflicted. The defendant's counsel, Clement L. Vallandig ham, undertook to demonstrate to the 1476 acres of land in the Moses jury just how the dead man's pistol Hughes survey, near Edge. Price and had hung in the pocket and just how possible it was to inflict such a wound Suddenly there was a loud report, and the lawyer sank to the floor. The ball had entered the back almost in the identical spot where the dead man had been shot. The defendant was acquitted. Mr. Vallandigham died. - Exchange.

> Westminster Abbey's Poets' Corner. Turning from King Here's chapel, with its wealth of fancy's fairy frost work," to the poets' corner in Westminster abbey, we are attracted by a spell mightier than that of carven stones in the presence of those "serene creators of immortal things" who have enriched our literature with gifts beyond all price. This "glorious company of paupers," as they have been termed, says a writer in Great Thoughts, have won a fame in the glow of which that of statesmen and warriors wanes and perishes, "touched to death by diviner eyes." Drawn together, as it were, by the spell of Chaucer, "our first warbler," what Spenser calls "black oblivion's rust" has failed to tarnish their golden record. We move entranced amid the memorials of Drayton, Ben Jonson, Spenser, Shakespeare, Beaumont, Milton, Gray, Addison and many more, including the impassioned peasant singer, Robert Burns, and the great Victorians, Robert Browning and Alfred Tennyson.-London Standard.

Encouragement. "I have a splitting headache," sighs the beautiful young thing.

"Have you ever tried magnetic healing?" asks the obliging young man. "No. What is it?"

"You rest your head, thus, on my shoulder, and I pass my arm about your waist in this manner. Now be perfectly calm and see if this does not

The position is maintained for five or ten minutes, and then the obliging young man asks:

"Does your head ache any more?" "Ye-e-es."

"Well, I'm sorry I don't seem able to He is about to remove his arm when she looks up at him chidingly and

"It seems to me that if you have any confidence in your method you would be willing to keep on trying."-Chicago than from the principal patient.

#### Why She Shut Down.

"A charming gentleman about four years old used to pass my house every day on his way to kindergarten," said his acquaintance and gave a penny to him each morning when we parted.

"Eventually his mother requested me not to give any more money to him. The next morning I did not present the usual penny. He dld not seem to notice the omission. The succeeding day when the penny was not given to him he said nothing. But on the morning of the third day when the penny was not forthcoming he sidled up to me and whispered: 'What's the matter? Ain't your husband working?"

#### Uncertainty of Lion Hunting.

A lion is a fearful animal. Do not run away with the idea that he is not dangerous. You may have luck to kill twenty, but No. 21 will likely get you. However careful and good a shot you may be, there is the greatest danger in tackling a lion. I remember Colonel H., who had lived in Africa for nine years and during that time had never seen a lion, and the first lion he saw he wounded and got badly mauled. saying to me: "Here, man; you have been here only sixteen months and have killed five lions. Chuck it, man. while you are in luck. They are bound to get you if you go on hunting them." -Forest and Stream.

Practical. Elderly Gentleman (putting his head in at the door)-Mrs. Wilkins, will you be my wife? I have £2,000 and a good home. I'll give you three minutes to

make up your mind. Mrs. Wilkins (promptly)-I've £3,000 and a better house than yours, and I'll give you three minutes to get out of this.-London Tit-Bits.

#### The Whole Story.

"I hear you are giving up your charge," said one aged and infirm minister to another the other day. "How are your people taking it?"

"Oh, well," was the answer, "I'm resigning and they're resigned."-Liverpool Mercury.

#### Bright and Hot. "Smith got off a bright thing the

other day. What was it?"

lessly dropped into the chair he sat on."-London Pun Disgusted.

### Loafer the First-I thought this yere

unemployed fund was for charity. Loafer the Second-So it is, nin't it? Lonfer the First-It ain't, It means work.-London Sketch.

Called the Deal Off.

holiday one morning when he started out to wrestle once again with the trials incident to getting an education. As he entered the schoolroom draw his pistol from his hip pocket he hatched a plot to get the coveted holiday. He went up to the teacher's desk and told his story. "My mother wants to know if you won't excuse me for today?" he began, "She wants me to do some work at home and thought if I'd study at home this evening and make up what I'd missed

mebby you'd let me off." Something about the lad's manner kept the words from carrying conviction. The teacher bluffed back as follows: "Tommy," said she, "you won't need to go home at all. Since you started to school your mother called me on the phone to tell me that she had changed her mind and for you to stay here.

The lad looked at her, startled. "Aw, well," he said, "as long as both of us are lyin' about it let's just call it quits. I'll stay here."-Cleveland Plain

A Wealthy Soldier's Idea.

Australians still tell stories of the colonial volunteers, although the war is a far memory. One, a member of the Stock Exchange, was left one wet and miserable night to guard a wagon lond of goods. He shivered in the unsheltered place for some hours pondering many things, and then a bright thought struck him just as the colonel came around on his tour of inspection.

this wagon worth? "I don't know," was the answer. "Much or little, we can't afford to When a player has put his opponent's lose it.

amateur soldier, "you might give me a corruption of the Persian "Shah rough idea of the value."

"About £200," said the colonel testily. come down to the camp and give you a derived our "checker," both verb and check for the amount. Then I'll turn noun; "checkers," the name of an-

cold for twice that much." ed .- Melbourne Times.

#### Fourteenth Century Doctors.

Synge's "Social Life in England" quotes a number of fourteenth century hints to success for physicians:

Suppose you know nothing, say there is an obstruction of the liver. Perhaps the patient will say, "Nay, master, it is my bend or legs that trouble me." Repeat that it comes from the liver, and especially use the word "obstruction," for patients do not understand it, which is important.

Never dine with a patient who has not paid you. It will be cheaper to tree assumes its familiar green once get your dinner at an inn, for such more. Certain tiny insects, and not feasts are usually deducted from the the tree itself, change color. These surgeon's fee.

When you are treating a wound or and cause a disturbance, but sometimes a higher fee may be got from persons present fainting and breaking their heads against wood and the like

#### Secret Society Among Sese Islanders.

The Sese islanders have attained a peculiar notoriety in Uganda because of a secret society called the Bachichi. which is not a burial society, although a lady, "and in course of time I made its members take a deep and intelligent interest in all deaths and burials in their midst. In the more retired villages, although greatly discouraged by line of fisher shantles on the left-these the British authorities, it is said to be still the custom for the sorrowing rel- den in the sixth century. But the setatives to bear the body of the deceased tlement lay at the only point in the wrapped in bark on a rough bier to river valley where a ford was practicasome forest thicket, desolate ravine or bie, tempting the Germans to settle on other unfrequented spot, where it is the left bank between the Wends and left unburied by the bearers, who nev- the swamps, or Seen, unlovely places er revisit the place again. The Bachichi, who are denizens of a neighboring ling behind only the names Scestrasse, village, and distant relatives of the deceased avoid the necessity of burial or cremation and show their respect for the deceased by simply eating him. -National Magazine.

#### A Disappointment.

"Yes," says the lady after an acquaintance of ten or fifteen years before has been renewed, "I remember you perfectly."

"Indeed?" murmurs the gratified man. "I am glad to know that." "Yes; at one time I thought of marrying you."

"Oh," he replies dejectedly. thought for the moment that there might have been something that made me different from all the other men you ever knew."-Life.

#### A Stranger to His Ways.

A distinguished bishop of the Episcopal church, arriving late at a small town one night, found the hotel closed. and, hammering at the door for admission, a neighbor stuck his head out of an adjoining window with, "Say, stranger, knock like the devil?" to which the bishop replied. "I don't know how."

#### Hit Home.

Tommy-Paw, what is three card monte? Mr. Tucker-It's the most diabolical, infernal swindle that ever anybody-er-er-oh, it's some sort of a gambling game with cards, I believe. Tommy.-Chicago Tribune.

#### Not Too Often.

"They tell me New England is full of old maids," said the Philadelphia girl. "Now, I suppose you Boston girls don't often marry?" "No; only once, "A lighted eigar some one had care- as a rule," replied the Boston girl,-Philadelphia Record.

Spots Removed While You Sleep. Dill-Has your wife a recipe for removing spots from clothing? Pickle-I should say she had! She removed two five-spots from my trousers pocket with quietness and dispatch last night. -Judge.

Why the Criminal Weeps The central office detective had just sent one of the worst criminals in the

city away for a long, long rest. "Did he give you any trouble?" asked a friend.

"No; he did a good deal of crying, though."

"For some woman, I suppose?" "Woman? Rather not! They never ery for human beings. This fellow had wife who had stuck by him through the trial and who before he was caught worked her fingers off for him. Then there were two children. But he never mentiosed them. He was crying about his flight-his pigeons, you know, He had about sixty fancy ones, and whenever he thought of what would become of them while he was away tears would spring to his eyes. A lot of the worst crooks and gangsters in the city are fanciers, and a kid couldn't be more sentimental than they are. Sometimes, too, they are sorry for dogs. I knew one who was more anxious about his ferret than anything else. At the same time I never knew a criminal, man or woman, who had a

to leave behind."-New York Press.

est among the things they were sorry

Chess Word Wanderers. An interesting set of word wanderers clusters about the game of chess. "Shah," the Persian word for king. was corrupted in French to "eschec," which has been transferred into English as "check." Our verb and noun check, in most of the common uses, has arisen from the cry of "Check!"-"Colonel," he asked, "how much is literally "King!" or "Look out for your king?"-which is given when a player puts his opponent's king in danger. king in such a condition that he can-"Well, but, colonel," persisted the not be rescued he cries "Checkmate!" mat!" or "The king is dead!" The chessboard was called in old French "Very well," was the answer; "I will an "eschequier." From this word are I wouldn't catch my death of other game played on the same kind of board, and "exchequer," so called What the colonel said is not record- on account of the checkered cloth on which accounts were formerly calculated.-Minneapolis Journal.

#### The Blushing Tree.

The blushing tree gets its name from the change of bue it assumes when the rain falls on it. As the drops drench the leaves, gradually but unmistakably the green tint gives way to pink. In a few minutes the green fades from sight. Only in a few half hidden spots beneath broad branches and on its trunk is there a tinge of green to be seen. After an hour or more, when the shower is over, the peculiar parasites are possessed of the power of c'ameleons. In the warm accident, the friends of the patient sunshine they are greener than the should be excluded, for they may faint tree on which they live, but when the chilly rain falls upon them they contract their 'iny backs and become a pretty pink in tint. Millions of these change the entire appearance of the

#### tree and make it seem to be blushing. Dresden a City of Pleasure.

Dresden is essentially a city of pleas pre-of fair, wide prospects, of hearty river life, of zest in nature and art. Even the public buildings cluster about the Elbe just as the buts of the first settlers clustered. A circle of Wendish herdsmen's buts on the right bank, a were the unlikely beginnings of Dresthat have long since disappeared, leav-Am See and Seevorstadt. Indeed, the very name of Dresden is derived from the Slavic dresjan, which means "dwellers in the swamp forest."-Rob ert Haven Schauffler in Century.

#### Net So Short.

He was supposed to be a poor but otherwise honest young man, while she was admittedly a thing of beauty. "Will you marry me?" he asked.

"No," she answered.

"You are very short," he muttered. "Ditto," she replied. "That's why there is nothing doing in the matrimonial line."

"Oh, I don't know," he sneered, as he extracted an obese billbook from an inside pocket and displayed a number of \$1,000 bills. "I'm not so short."

Whereupon the unwary maid tried to fall upon his neck, but he gracefully sidestepped, and she fell to the floor in faint.-Chicago News.

#### Made It Clear.

Sergeant of Royal Irish Constabulary (interviewing new member of the force)-Well, Maginnis, 'tis the fine, sthrong, fleshy lookin' felia ye are. Now, if a desprit man attackted ye wid a knife an' a pistol, would ye run or fight? Recruit-Shure, yer honor, I would! Sergeant-What, ye would? Recruit-Begorra, I mane I would not. sor! Sergeant-Ah, now that's betther! Glong wid ye, me bucko!-London Punch.

#### Sure to Respond.

Mother-My other little girl is very frail, but I've taken precautions to have baby grow up into a big, buxom gtrl. Visitor-Indeed, and what have you done? Mother-Pve had her christened "Fairy."-Boston Transcript.

#### The Sweet Girls.

Maud-You say Jack once proposed to you. I don't believe it. He said I was the only woman he ever loved. Ethel-Yes, dear, but he didn't class me among women. He used to call me his anget.

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